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Model Structure Comparison

This document compares the re-estimated Barra European Equity Model (EUE3) to its predecessor, EUE2. We compare model structure, asset coverage, factors and descriptors for style factors for both models.

EUE3 Model Summary			
	Base Model	UK Derived Model	Eastern Europe Derived Model
Asset Coverage	~9500	~9500	~9500
Estimation Universe	~2400	~2400	~2400
Style Factors	9	9	9
Industry Factors	29	58	58
Country Factors	29	29	29
Currency Factors*	34**	34**	34**
Market Factors	1	2	2

EUE2 Model Summary	
Asset Coverage	~8000
Estimation Universe	~1900
Style Factors	9
Industry Factors	58
Country Factors	16
Currency Factors*	17
Market Factors	-

EUE3 Daily Risk Updates

EUE3 introduces a daily risk model update. The Covariance Matrix, Specific Risk and Fundamental Betas will now be updated on a daily basis.

EUE3 Specific Risk Model

EUE3 introduces a new specific risk model. This new specific risk model primarily uses time series estimation. The main advantage of a time series-based specific risk model is its idiosyncratic character; risk is estimated individually for every stock. The challenge of time series estimation is that not all stocks in a broad universe lend themselves to this modeling approach (for example, recent IPOs and illiquid stocks). In these cases, EUE3 uses a combined time series and structural model approach.

^{*} Includes Euro legacy currencies (FRF, ESP, ITL, etc)

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Style Factors

EUE3 Style Factors		
Momentum	 Historical weekly alpha 12-month relative strength, lagged by 1 month 6-month relative strength, lagged by 1 month 	
Volatility	 Historical weekly beta Cumulative range Daily asset volatility 	
Value	Book-to-priceSales-to-price	
Growth	 Trailing growth of total assets Trailing growth of annual sales Trailing growth of annual net earnings Short-term predicted earnings growth Long-term (3-5 years) predicted earnings growth 	
Leverage	Book leverage Market leverage	
Size	Log of market capitalizationLog of total assets	
Dividend Yield	Dividend yield	
Earnings Yield	 Trailing earnings-to-price ratio Cash earnings-to-price ratio Return on equity Predicted earnings-to-price ratio 	
Liquidity	 Log of annual share turnover Log of quarterly share turnover Log of monthly share turnover 	

EUE2 Style Factors		
Momentum	Logarithm rate of excess return over the last 12 months Historical alpha	
Volatility	 Historical sigma Cumulative range Previous month's squared return Squared return from 2 months ago Squared return from 3 months 	
Value	agoBook to priceEarnings to priceSales to price	
Growth	Earnings growthAsset growthSales growthDividend growth	
Leverage	Debt to assetsDebt to price	
Size	Log of market capitalization Total assets	
Yield	Dividend yield	
Market Sensitivity	Historical beta Historical beta times historical sigma	
Foreign Exposure	Foreign earningsForeign salesForeign assets	

Industry Factors

The EUE2 Industry Factors are split into UK and Continental Europe.

The EUE3 base model has a single set of Industry Factors. For the EUE3 derived models, the factors listed below are duplicated and split into:

- UK and Continental Europe (ex-UK) UK derived model
- Eastern Europe (EE) and Western Europe (WE) Eastern Europe derived model.

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The base model has 29 Industry Factors and the derived models have 58 Industry Factors. For example, Factor 1 in the table below is Energy Equipment & Services. It is split into:

- UK Derived Model: (UK) Energy Equipment & Services and (Ex-UK) Energy Equipment & Services
- EE Derived Model: (EE) Energy Equipment & Services and (WE) Energy Equipment & Services

EUE3 Industry Factors

- Energy Equipment & Services
- 2. Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels
- 3. Other Materials
- 4. Metals & Mining
- 5. Other Capital Goods
- 6. Construction & Engineering
- 7. Machinery
- 8. Commercial Services
- 9. Other Transport
- 10. Airlines
- 11. Autos & Components
- 12. Consumer Durables & Apparel
- 13. Consumer Services
- 14. Media
- 15. Retailing
- 16. Food & Staples Retailing
- 17. Food Beverages & Tobacco
- 18. Household & Personal Products
- 19. Healthcare Equipment & Services
- 20. Pharmaceuticals
- 21. Banks
- 22. Diversified Financials
- 23. Insurance
- 24. Real Estate
- 25. Software & Services
- 26. Technology Hardware & Equipment
- 27. Semiconductors
- 28. Telecommunication Services
- 29. Utilities

EUE2 Industry Factors

- 1. Chemicals
- 2. Basic Resources
- 3. Automobiles
- 4. Entertainment
- 5. Travel
- Textiles
- 7. Retail
- 8. Media
- 9. Energy
- 10. Banks
- 11. Insurance
- 12. Financial Services
- 13. Real Estate
- 14. Investment Trusts
- 15. Healthcare
- 16. Construction
- 17. Industrial Equipment
- 18. Industrial Services
- 19. Industrial Diversified
- 20. Transportation
- 21. Aerospace & Defense
- 22. Food
- 23. Distillers & Brewers
- 24. Tobacco
- 25. Non-Cyclical Goods
- 26. Technology Hardware
- 27. Technology Software
- 28. Telecommunications
- 29. Utilities

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Country Factors

EUE3 (Country Factors		
1.	Austria	16.	Latvia
2.	Belgium	17.	Lithuania
3.	Croatia	18.	Netherlands
4.	Cyprus	19.	Norway
5.	Czech Republic	20.	Poland
6.	Denmark	21.	Portugal
7.	Estonia	22.	Romania
8.	Finland	23.	Russia
9.	France	24.	Slovenia
10.	Germany	25.	Spain
11.	Greece	26.	Sweden
12.	Hungary	27.	Switzerland
13.	Iceland	28.	Turkey
14.	Ireland	29.	United Kingdom
15.	Italy		

Country Factors
Austria
Belgium
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom

Currency Factors

EUE3 (Currency Factors		
1.	Austria	18.	Lithuania
2.	Belgium	19.	Netherlands
3.	Croatia	20.	Norway
4.	Cyprus	21.	Poland
5.	Czech	22.	Portugal
6.	Denmark	23.	Romania
7.	Estonia	24.	Russia
8.	Euro**	25.	Slovenia
9.	Finland	26.	Spain
10.	France	27.	Sweden
11.	Germany**	28.	Switzerland
12.	Greece	29.	Turkey
13.	Hungary	30.	United Kingdom
14.	Iceland	31.	United States
15.	Ireland	32.	Australia*
16.	Italy	33.	Canada*
17.	Latvia	34.	Japan*

EUE2 C	Currency Factors
1.	Austria
2.	Belgium
3.	Denmark
4.	Finland
5.	France
6.	Germany**
7.	Greece
8.	Ireland
9.	Italy
10.	Netherlands
11.	Norway
12.	Portugal
13.	Spain
14.	Sweden
15.	Switzerland
16.	United Kingdom
17.	United States
18.	Euro**

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